

Westminster Police Department

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Westminster Police Department Hosts: Drug Take Back Event

Date/Time: October 29, 2011, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Location: Westminster City Hall, Civic Center Parking Lot
8200 Westminster Blvd. Westminster, CA 92683

Westminster CA. - On Saturday, October 29, 2011, the Westminster Police Department will host a **Drug Take-Back** event in the parking lot of the Westminster Civic Center. This event is in partnership with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and will occur between the hours of 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. This program will provide an opportunity for members of our community to drop off their expired, unused, and unwanted pills free of charge, with no questions asked. The collected drugs will be destroyed.

“Prescription drugs that languish in home medicine cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse”, said Corporal Cameron Knauerhaze. The rate of prescription drug abuse is at an all time high. According to a survey released by the 2010 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, two and a half more people currently abuse prescription drugs than the number of those using cocaine, heroin, hallucinogens, and inhalants. The same study shows that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet.

This **Drug Take-Back** event provides our residents a safe way to dispose of their unwanted medication. The Westminster Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Agency encourage community members to take this opportunity and participate in this event. The Drug Enforcement Agency has provided two collection boxes and educational material which will be in the parking lot of the Westminster Civic Center located at 8200 Westminster Blvd., in the City of Westminster. If you have any questions about the event, please contact Lieutenant Bill Collins at (714) 548-3828.